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In re Patent Application of:
Okura NORIYOSHI et al.

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-4, with traverse for continued examination. It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search or the subject matter of any one group of claims would necessarily encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP 803 which is stated that **"if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims that are distinct or independent inventions"** (emphasis added).

It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply to the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and the duplicative examination by the Patent Office. Please note that Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Further, in addition to making the foregoing election, Applicant also expressly reserves the right pursuant to MPEP

§ 821.04 to rejoin non-elected method claims 5-7 and to add additional method claims drawn to making or using the apparatus of claims 1-4 should any of such elected claims be found allowable.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. OGC-0003 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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